on metre gauge line between Shahganj and Azamgarh railway stations are proposed to be made Flag Stations;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) when those two stations were opened and whether the considerations that led to the opening of these stations are still there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Khorasan Road and Phariha stations were opened as crossing stations on 14-2-1903 in order to meet railways' operational requirements on Shahganj-Azamgarh section. At present there is no operational necessity to retain them as crossing stations. Conversion is also considered justified for reasons of economy in their working.

LPG Bottling Plants in Eastern Uttar Pradesh

60. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of LPG bottling plants in eastern Uttar Pradesh alongwith the places of their location; and

(b) what is the number of such plants proposed to be commissioned during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKRANAND): (a) Allahabad Varanasi, Gorakhpur.

(b) Nil.

Terrorism in Punjab, J and K and Assam

61. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the measures taken by Government to curb the terrorism in Punjab, J and K and Assam; and

(b) the number of casualities caused by the terrorist in the month of October and upto 15th November 1991 in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) The security agencies are vigilant and are taking all possible steps to check the situation. Central assistance by way of additional forces etc. are also being extended to them.

(b) According to information available, 41 persons were killed in Assam, while 437 were killed in Punjab during the relevant period. In J and K, between 1st October and 10th November, 47 persons and 19 security force personnel were killed in terrorist action.

LPG Dealerships

62. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AN NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether successful applicants of L.P.G. dealership advirtised during 1989 and 1990 in the country, have given the dealerships;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when the dealerships are likely to be given.

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and being laid before the House.